

Greater Cincinnati Emmaus and Chrysalis Community News

"As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them."
Luke 24:15

A Word From Our Spiritual Director

"Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be." So goes the first line of my favorite gospel hymn. Help me, Lord, to walk with thee each and every day of my life. We are living in a world that is every day falling further and further away from God. We tend to rely more on our own earthly resources to live each day than relying on God to guide our steps.

James 4 speaks very clearly to this point. The universal church is more concerned about sustaining itself than it is with carrying the message of Jesus to a lost and lonely world. Mankind is so concerned about getting that we have forgotten about giving. Verse 7 clearly tells us to submit ourselves to God and the devil will flee from us. And verse 8 lays out the plan: Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. We draw near to God through prayer and study; so for each step we take we are two steps closer to God as He takes a step toward us.

Just a closer walk with thee! May we all draw nearer to God each day so that we might serve a lost and lonely world by giving Christ to everyone we meet.

Rod Fightmaster, Community Spiritual Director



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Join us at the December Gathering for a time of Carols and Cookies!

HOT!!!

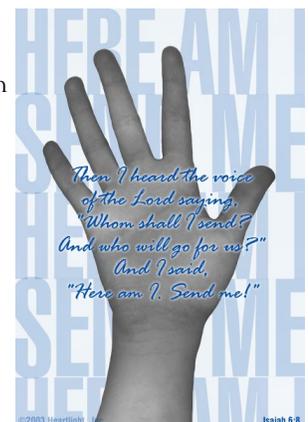
We Need YOU for Women's Walk #113

As this edition of the newsletter goes to print, a check of the job boards revealed that only 86 of the 209 slots on the job boards and 54 of 73 slots on the prayer boards have been filled. Could you search your heart – and your calendar or wallet – to see if you could be the one God is nudging to come through for the women of Walk #113?

As most of you know, it takes many more people than the team members to provide to the pilgrims the blessings God intends for them. If you would like to help make Women's Walk #113 "the best Walk ever," just visit the website at www.cincinnatiemmaus.org, then go to the 'Community' tab of the home page. From the drop down

menu, click on 'Job/Prayer Boards.' Find the slot(s) you are called to fill by clicking on a "+" symbol to see what the needs are (indicated by the word "Available"). Click on the area(s) of service you can do, then fill in the requested information.

Go to the web site now! Remember: Christ is counting on YOU!



Women's Walk #113

November 13-16, 2014

Please remember to keep these sisters in Christ in your prayers so that their hearts will be prepared and their eyes would be opened to the Lord to work in and through them. Pray also for the team members who will be the hands and feet of Jesus for these pilgrims and for each other.



PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR
Debbie Albright	Montgomery Community Church	Lucy Trumbull
Susan Ashcraft	Church of the Saviour UMC	Larry Verdier
Katie Ballentine		Tom Ballentine
Judy Barnes	Mt. Moriah UMC	Barb Bradshaw
Josie Campinha-Bacote	Imago Dei	Rosanne Moore
Michelle Evans	New Prospect Baptist Church	Gladys Reid
Sandi Fenstermacher	Asbury Tabernacle	Diane Arnold
Sandra Gray	Vineyard Community Church	David Gray
Glenda Greene	Emmanuel UMC	Bill Maskiell
Vicki Hart	Christ Community Church	Elvalee Gillming
Rebecca Hickman	Christ Community Church	Guy Bainum
Sandi Hill	Owensville UMC	Debbie Nickell
Arlene Johnston	Epiphany UMC	Susanne O'Neill
Lin Ladrigan	Owensville UMC	Debbie Nickell
Sally Lake	Montgomery Community Church	Linda Evans
Jayne Lash	Cheviot UMC	Becky Grosse
Amy McKenzie	Blue Ash Community	Angie Dodds
Marsha McNamara	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Dave Hauser
Mary Ann Meyer	Cheviot UMC	Sandy Hauser
Beth Moore		Mary Schap
April Morgan	Church by the Chesapeake	Ennes Ireton
Amy Mott	Church of the Saviour UMC	Jemma Tennant
Tina Otten	Springdale Church of the Nazarene	Linda St. Myers
Bessie Pitts	New Prospect Baptist Church	Regina Lynch
Angel Reichard	Faith Church	Lori Markovic
Rachael Slone	Emmanuel UMC	Janet Hale
Terrie VanVolkenburgh	Tanner Valley UMC	Mallory Tolin
Lynda Wick	Faith Church	Lori Markovic

TEAM ROSTER

NAME	POSITION	TALK
Kay Spencer	LD	Perseverance
Ann Myers	SD	Means of Grace
Lisa Kerwin	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Damon Lynch	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Elaine Parulis-Wright	ASD	Justifying Grace
David Tennant	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Linda Evans	BR	
Debbie Desgrange	ALD	Grow through Study
Bridget Murphy	ALD	Fourth Day
Sharon Wright	ALD	Priority
Angie Dodds	TL	Changing Our World
Cindy Kareth	TL	Christian Action
Pam Park	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Daphne Robinson	TL	Discipleship
Kim Slade	TL	Body of Christ
Kim Swanson	TL	Life of Piety
Kim Corrigan	ATL	
Karen Gillespie	ATL	
Sandy Hauser	ATL	
Allison Ourada	ATL	
Susan Spencer	ATL	
Tracy Taylor	ATL	
Lisa Linne	Music	
Lori Markovic	Music	
Jane Glandorf	Log	
Carol Grimm	Log	
Elaine Staples	Log	
Peggy Bosse	PS	
Marge Wright	PS	

This list is accurate as of the date of publication to the website. Log onto www.cincinnatiemmas.org for any updates between publication and the start date of the Walk.



From Our Community Lay Director

Some of you know that the weekend lay directors select a scripture verse for the team to pray and mediate on during their team formation process. The verse that Kay Spencer selected for Women’s Walk #113 is Psalm 46:10, “Be still and know that I am God.” These are some of the thoughts that I had while praying for the team of Walk #113.

Chances are you have experienced the attack of the Evil One when you’ve served on Emmaus teams or while serving in other ministries. Kay told her Team Members to think and take comfort in Psalm 46:10!

Have you ever told your children to “stop,” “be still,” “don’t move,” “be quiet,” or just plain “give it a rest!”? It’s easy to be still during the good times, but in order for me to successfully be still when Satan is nipping at my heels, I must cultivate a calm and quiet submission to the sovereignty of God. That’s part of knowing that HE is God and I’m not! I need to remind myself of this over and over. To remind myself that HE is the fountain of power, wisdom, justice, goodness, truth and mercy. That HE is a good God and that HE loves me and wants to prosper me and give me a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). The God who spoke the earth into existence, knows the end from the beginning and who will turn bad things into good things for our benefit, wants us to be still and wait to witness Him at work accomplishing that which only He can accomplish. We cannot desire a better nor more powerful God!

Even though Pharaoh’s army was bearing down on them, the Israelites had to stand still so God could part the water for them. In that moment, they had no idea how God was going to deliver them! Maybe some of them wanted to solve the problem themselves by swimming across. Maybe some wanted to fight the enemy though they had no weapons. And I suspect that some of them wanted to surrender. If they had tried to swim across, many if not all would have drowned. If they tried to fight, their power no match for Pharaoh’s army, they surely would have died. If they had surrendered, they would have missed seeing the Miracle and the Promised Land.



When I feel the attacks of the evil one all around me, when things seem to be getting worse, it’s hard to stop trying to fix it myself or give God advice on how He could fix it for me. But when I do wait on God, I always, always see a miracle!

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Ev Gillming

AGAPE AGAPE AGAPE

HELP WANTED: MAKERS AND SHARERS OF TABLE AGAPE FOR WOMEN’S WALK #113

Come on, agape makers, let’s show these women our unconditional love of agape and overflow their tables with your small tokens of L-O-V-E.

If you need ideas, just Google “101 Agape Ideas” and you will get links to other Emmaus communities that have shared some of their creativity. Or, you can contact our Agape chairperson, Linda St. Myers, at 513-874-0514 or lstmayers@cinci.rr.com. And remember that agape is meant to be anonymous. Please do not include individual names on the items. Group names are okay (e.g., ABC Share Group or XYZ Circle).



Linda is also compiling a list of those who make agape, so if you could let her know what you made and brought to a walk, she would greatly appreciate it.

 You can find us on Facebook! Look for us under Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community and Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis. It’s a great way to get the latest news and stay in touch with your community!

The Art of (Good) Sponsorship

Sponsoring someone on a Walk to Emmaus is an art. The requirements for being a good sponsor (because, let's face it, we've all heard tales about the Walk where poor sponsorship caused issues for the team and the pilgrims) begin with prayer and careful discernment. Yes, you want to share that mountaintop experience with those closest to you. Yes, you want to help raise up leaders for your congregation. Yes, your heart is in the right place. What the Walk to Emmaus needs is people who sponsor with both heart and head, from a place of sacrificial love.

Do you love dogs? If the person you plan to sponsor has a menagerie of poodles at home and no one to care for them, part of your job as sponsor will be to feed, water and walk those doggies until your

pilgrim gets home. Love changing diapers? If the person you sponsor is a single mother with no support system, that's right - you're the designated caregiver. Do you like playing bingo with senior adults at the local Alzheimer care center? If the person you sponsor is the caregiver for an older live-in relative, it's up to you to step into that role until your pilgrim returns from the Walk.

Good sponsorship takes into consideration *all aspects* of a four-day weekend. Have you told your pilgrim that they cannot take their iPhone or tablet with them, even though that's how they usually read their Bible? As the realities of day-to-day life in

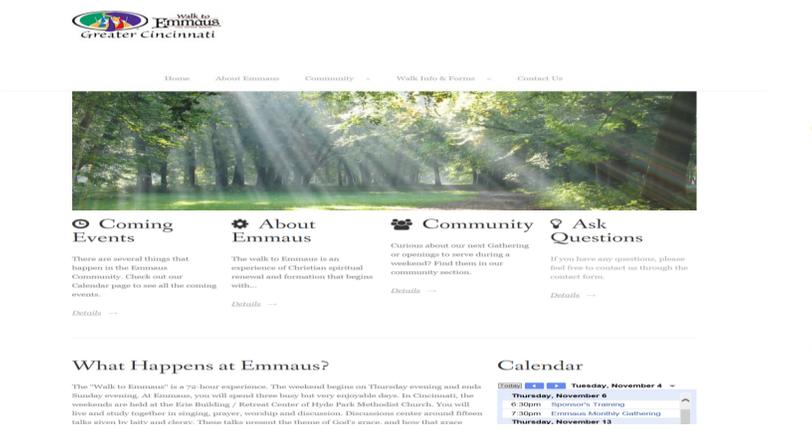
the 21st century affect upcoming Walks, think through the commitments you'll be expected to make to support your pilgrim in love.

The Board is rethinking how sponsor training will be offered in 2015 and what that training will encompass. If you have some suggestions, or some tales to share about your experience as a sponsor (good, bad, in-between), please make sure we hear them. You can contact our Education chair, Janet Steele, at jms@iac.net with your stories. We want to make every Walk "The Best Walk Ever" and need your help - and your good sponsorship - to make it so.

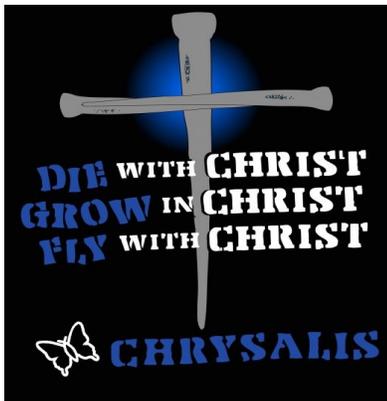


IT OUT!

We recently launched a new website. It has a fresh, modern look. The address is still the same, but the "home" has been remodeled. Visit the new site at www.cincinnatiemmaus.org To the right is a snapshot of what you will see there.



Chrysalis News and Notes



"Chrysalis" is the name chosen for the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus, its parent movement, because it symbolizes the spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. That growth is as crucial for youth as the cocoon is for the caterpillar. It is that precious time of nurturing a person's faith for discipleship. Get more info at

<http://www.cincinnati-chrysalis.com/>

2015 FLIGHTS

- Young Women's #46, Jan 17-19, 2015
 - Young Men's #43, Feb 14-16, 2015
 - Young Women's #47, June 26-28, 2015
 - Young Men's #44, July 24-26, 2015
- Milford First United Methodist Church
541 Main Street, Milford, OH 45150

Give a young person the gift of "flying with Christ" on a Chrysalis flight. Be a sponsor!

And Just a Few Friendly Reminders.....



The Walk to Emmaus is considered to be a cloistered environment for the pilgrims. We ask that no one take photographs or make audio or video recordings of any weekend event, including but not limited to Candlelight and Closing. This is in accordance with policy established by the Upper Room. Please respect the privacy of the pilgrims during these special moments of the Walk.



If you have never served on a weekend live-in team or if it's been a while and you want to serve in this capacity, submit an application. Just go to our website, http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org/pdfs/application_to_serve.pdf, print the application and send it in as indicated at the bottom of the form.



Sponsor training will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, before the monthly Gathering. Training is scheduled to be conducted in the parlor of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, but is subject to change. Signs will be posted if the location changes. This will be the last pre-Gathering training for 2014.



We are still accepting donations of new or gently used books for the agape book table. Bring them to any gathering or candlelight or contact Linda St. Myers at lstmyers@cinci.rr.com or 513-874-0514 to make other pick up or drop off arrangements.



Community volunteers for Friday breakfast and Friday lunch are asked to park on the side streets surrounding the church. The church's preschool is in session on Fridays during Walk weekends, and the church has asked that we leave the parking lot for parents and school staff. The lot will continue to be available for parking during Candlelight and Closing.

CHILD CARE

Childcare is available for Candlelight, Closing and Gathering events. The cost is \$5.00 per child per event. Make reservations at least 48 hours before the event.

Cancellations must be made no less than 24 hours before the event. For reservations, contact Rebecca Homan at 513-979-8193 or by email at rhoman@hpcumc.org.

You will need to provide your name, phone number, and the name and date of the event for which you need child care. You will also need to provide the names and ages of your children.

Payment is due at the time of the event.

Hey Sponsors! It's Never Too Early!

The dates for the next men's and women's walks for 2015 are listed on page 6. Next year seems like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it. If you are praying about inviting someone to attend a Walk, now is the time to plant the seed. Don't wait until just a few weeks before the Walk date to issue the invitation. Many prospective pilgrims need time to prepare and to coordinate such things as time off work, childcare, appointments, and so forth. They don't need to feel locked in simply because they submit an application early and pay the \$25 deposit. If something comes up, we can hold the deposit for a future Walk.



2014 Board of Directors <i>Worshipfully Working Together</i>		
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Agape	Linda St. Myers	513-874-0514
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Women's Registrar	Lisa Linne	513-289-6706
Worship	Todd Whitman	513-439-4394
Worship	Kimberly Heileman	513-349-4612
Hyde Park CMUC Liaison	Sharon Michaelson	513-761-5571

2014-2015 CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk #113, Nov 13-16, 2014

Men's Walk # 96, Feb 19-22, 2015

Women's Walk #114, Mar 19-22, 2015

Women's Walk #115, Aug 13-16, 2015

Candlelight, November 15, 8:30pm

Closing, November 16, 4:00pm

Board Meeting, Monday, November 3, 6:30pm

Gathering, Thursday, November 6, 7:30pm

Board Meeting, Monday, December 1, 6:30pm

Gathering, Thursday, December 6, 7:30pm

All Emmaus events take place at

Hyde Park Community UMC

1345 Grace Avenue

Cincinnati, OH

Sponsor training before Gatherings—6:30 in the parlor

Please make childcare arrangements before attending Candlelight and Closing. It is inappropriate for children to be present at these services. See page 4 for details on using our coordinated childcare.

Christ is Counting On You!



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